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For:    METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTING A LEADER NODE IN A  
         COMPUTER NETWORK

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is respectfully requested that the Certificate of Correction be issued. Therefore, the record makes clear that this correction corrects errors, and that the errors are the fault of the PTO. Hence, no fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

**COLUMN 20**

Claim 46: Line 44, delete "he" and insert --the--.

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